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Mr. James R. Curley
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Re: High Fiber Count Optical Fiber Cable with
Buffer Tubes Around Central Strength Member
Our Ref: PCUS-059 (100087-157)

Dear Jim:

With reference to your letter of [REDACTED] and to my fax letter with enclosures to you and Pete Johnson dated [REDACTED], the figures for cables, other than cables of the invention, were taken from the Siecor article and in some cases, were supplied by Pete.

The reason that I need to have the tables checked by Pete is that some of the figures taken from the article differ from figures supplied by Pete.

In view of your desire to include a 5-position buffer tube cable with the 4-position buffer tube cable, I have revised the introductory portion of the specification and the claims sent to you previously. Enclosed is a copy of the revised portion of the specification and the revised claims. The changes suggested by Pete have been included.

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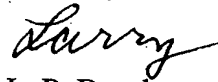
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Please have the enclosed considered promptly, and advise me whether or not changes are required. Also, please advise me if there are further reasons why the 5-position buffer tube cable is better than the other cables compatible with a 2 in. duct.

Cordially,



L. P. Brooks

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cc: Mr. P. Cinquemani w/o encl.
Mr. J. Sach w/o encl.